



2019 Congressional Art Competition: Rules and Guidelines for Participation

- The Congressional Art Competition is open to high school students in grades 9-12 only.
- A **photograph** of the final entry, along with a Student Information/Release Form, must be received at either the Abingdon or Christiansburg office by 5 p.m. on **Monday, April 22**. Entries received following the deadline will not be accepted.
- The Student Information/Release Form must be submitted typed. The fillable form can be found on my website at Please utilize the fill-in boxes and print out the completed form.
- Submitted entries should reflect the theme, **"Handmade & Homegrown in the 9th District"**.
- Artwork must be two-dimensional and cannot weigh more than 15 pounds. Please do not submit your artwork framed.
- Each piece can be **no larger** than **26" x 26" x 4"** (26 inches high, 26 inches wide, and 4 inches deep), including the frame. If your artwork is selected as the winning piece, we will coordinate with you regarding the framing requirements.
- Accepted mediums for the two-dimensional artwork are as follows:
 - Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
 - Drawings: colored pencil, pencil, ink, marker, pastels, charcoal (It is recommended that charcoal and pastel drawings be fixed.)
 - Collages: must be two dimensional
 - Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
 - Mixed Media: use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.
 - Computer-generated art
 - Photographs
- Each entry must be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate U.S. copyright laws. Any entry that has been copied from an existing photo or image (including a painting, graphic, or advertisement), that was created by someone other than the student is a violation of the competition rules and **will not** be accepted.
- There is no limit on the number of submissions per student; however, only one entry per student can be selected as a winner.
- Artwork will hang in the Capitol for the **entire year** of the exhibition and **cannot** be returned to the students earlier. Therefore, students should submit artwork they will not otherwise need.
- If your artwork has been selected as one of the finalists, you will be notified by Congressman Griffith's staff concerning the award ceremony.

For assistance or additional questions, please contact Tammie Bebout at (276) 525-1405 or by email at tammie.bebout@mail.house.gov.